

tion 636; title 25 sections 47a, 1656; title 31 sections 3905, 9303; title 39 section 410; title 42 sections 9619, 11707.

§ 270c. Right of person furnishing labor or material to copy of bond

The department secretary or agency head of the contracting agency is authorized and directed to furnish, to any person making application therefor who submits an affidavit that he has supplied labor or materials for such work and payment therefor has not been made or that he is being sued on any such bond, a certified copy of such bond and the contract for which it was given, which copy shall be prima facie evidence of the contents, execution, and delivery of the original. Applicants shall pay for such certified copies such fees as the department secretary or agency head of the contracting agency fixes to cover the cost of preparation thereof.

(Aug. 24, 1935, ch. 642, §3, 49 Stat. 794; Aug. 4, 1959, Pub. L. 86-135, §2, 73 Stat. 279; Apr. 18, 1984, Pub. L. 98-269, 98 Stat. 156.)

AMENDMENTS

1984—Pub. L. 98-269 substituted “department secretary or agency head of the contracting agency” for “Comptroller General” in two places.

1959—Pub. L. 86-135 struck out “, and, in case final settlement of such contract, has been made, a certified statement of the date of such settlement, which shall be conclusive as to such date upon the parties” and “and certified statements” after “original” and “certified copies”, respectively.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective upon expiration of sixty days after Aug. 24, 1935, but not applicable to any contract awarded pursuant to any invitation for bids issued on or before the date it takes effect, or to any persons or bonds in respect of any such contract, see section 5 of act Aug. 24, 1935, set out as a note under section 270a of this title.

RETROACTIVE EFFECT

Rights of laborers and material men under contracts entered into before Aug. 4, 1959, unaffected, see section 3 of Pub. L. 86-135, set out as a note under section 270b of this title.

FEDERAL RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE

Proof of official records, see rule 44, Title 28, Appendix, Judiciary and Judicial Procedure.

Effect of rule 44 on this section, see note by Advisory Committee under that rule.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 270b, 270d, 270d-1, 270e, 270f of this title; title 10 section 2701; title 15 section 636; title 25 sections 47a, 1656; title 31 section 9303; title 39 section 410; title 42 sections 9619, 11707.

§ 270d. “Person” defined

The term “person” and the masculine pronoun as used in sections 270a to 270d-1 of this title shall include all persons whether individuals, associations, copartnerships, or corporations.

(Aug. 24, 1935, ch. 642, §4, 49 Stat. 794.)

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective upon expiration of sixty days after Aug. 24, 1935, but not applicable to any contract awarded pursuant to any invitation for bids issued on or before the date it takes effect, or to any persons or bonds

in respect of any such contract, see section 5 of act Aug. 24, 1935, set out as a note under section 270a of this title.

CROSS REFERENCES

Definition of “person” as used in any Act of Congress, see section 1 of Title 1, General Provisions.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 270b, 270d-1, 270e, 270f of this title; title 10 section 2701; title 15 section 636; title 25 sections 47a, 1656; title 31 section 9303; title 39 section 410; title 42 sections 9619, 11707.

§ 270d-1. Waiver of sections 270a to 270d with respect to small contracts

Sections 270a to 270d of this title do not apply to a contract in an amount that is not greater than \$100,000.

(Aug. 24, 1935, ch. 642, §5, as added Oct. 13, 1994, Pub. L. 103-355, title IV, §4104(b)(1)(A), 108 Stat. 3341.)

CODIFICATION

Another section 5 of act Aug. 24, 1935, is set out as an Effective Date note under section 270a of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE

For effective date and applicability of section, see section 10001 of Pub. L. 103-355, set out as an Effective Date of 1994 Amendment note under section 251 of Title 41, Public Contracts.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 270b, 270d, 270e, 270f of this title; title 10 section 2701; title 15 section 636; title 25 sections 47a, 1656; title 31 section 9303; title 39 section 410; title 42 sections 9619, 11707.

§ 270e. Waiver of sections 270a to 270d-1 with respect to Army, Navy, Air Force, or Coast Guard contracts

The Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of the Navy, the Secretary of the Air Force, or the Secretary of Transportation may waive sections 270a to 270d-1 of this title with respect to cost-plus-a-fixed fee and other cost-type contracts for the construction, alteration, or repair of any public building or public work of the United States and with respect to contracts for the manufacturing, producing, furnishing, construction, alteration, repair, processing, or assembling of vessels, aircraft, munitions, materiel, or supplies of any kind or nature for the Army, Navy, Air Force, or Coast Guard, respectively, regardless of the terms of such contracts as to payment or title.

(Apr. 29, 1941, ch. 81, §1, 55 Stat. 147; June 3, 1955, ch. 129, 69 Stat. 83; Oct. 15, 1966, Pub. L. 89-670, §6(b)(1), 80 Stat. 938.)

AMENDMENTS

1955—Act June 3, 1955, authorized the Secretary of the Treasury to waive requirement of performance and payment bonds in connection with certain Coast Guard contracts, included the Secretary of the Air Force for purposes of clarification, made specific reference to cost-type contracts, and struck out proviso permitting bonds to be required for contracts which on Apr. 29, 1941, would have been subject to provisions of sections 270a to 270d of this title.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Coast Guard transferred to Department of Transportation, and all functions, powers, and duties relating to

Coast Guard of Secretary of the Treasury and of other officers and offices of Department of the Treasury transferred to Secretary of Transportation by Pub. L. 89-670, §6(b)(1). Section 6(b)(2) of Pub. L. 89-670, however, provided that notwithstanding such transfer of functions, Coast Guard shall operate as part of Navy in time of war or when President directs as provided in section 3 of Title 14, Coast Guard. See section 108 of Title 49, Transportation.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in title 10 section 2701; title 39 section 410; title 42 section 9619.

§ 270f. Waiver of sections 270a to 270d-1 with respect to transportation contracts

The Secretary of Transportation may waive sections 270a to 270d-1 of this title, with respect to contracts for the construction, alteration, or repair, of vessels of any kind or nature, entered into pursuant to sections 1535 and 1536 of title 31, the Merchant Marine Act, 1936 [46 App. U.S.C. 1101 et seq.], or the Merchant Ship Sales Act of 1946 [50 App. U.S.C. 1735 et seq.], regardless of the terms of such contracts as to payment or title.

(Apr. 29, 1941, ch. 81, §2, as added Oct. 21, 1970, Pub. L. 91-469, §39, 84 Stat. 1036; amended Aug. 6, 1981, Pub. L. 97-31, §12(12), 95 Stat. 154.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Merchant Marine Act, 1936, referred to in text, is act June 29, 1936, ch. 858, 49 Stat. 1985, as amended, which is classified principally to chapter 27 (§1101 et seq.) of Title 46, Appendix, Shipping. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 1245 of Title 46 and Tables.

The Merchant Ship Sales Act of 1946, referred to in text, is act Mar. 8, 1946, ch. 82, 60 Stat. 41, as amended, which is classified to sections 1735 to 1746 of Title 50, Appendix, War and National Defense. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1735 of Title 50, Appendix, and Tables.

CODIFICATION

“Sections 1535 and 1536 of title 31” substituted in text for “the Act of June 30, 1932 (47 Stat. 382, 417-418), as amended [31 U.S.C. 686, 686b]” on authority of Pub. L. 97-258, §4(b), Sept. 13, 1982, 96 Stat. 1067, the first section of which enacted Title 31, Money and Finance.

AMENDMENTS

1981—Pub. L. 97-31 substituted “Transportation” for “Commerce”.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in title 10 section 2701; title 42 section 9619.

§§ 271, 272. Omitted

CODIFICATION

Section 271, acts Aug. 25, 1919, ch. 52, 41 Stat. 281; Mar. 1, 1929, ch. 423, 45 Stat. 1425, provided relief for certain contractors for losses due to increased costs arising from the entrance of the United States into war on Apr. 6, 1917.

Section 272, act Mar. 6, 1920, ch. 94, 41 Stat. 507, related to losses due to World War I conditions.

§ 273. Repealed. Oct. 31, 1951, ch. 654, §1(92), 65 Stat. 705

Section, act Mar. 3, 1887, ch. 362, 24 Stat. 512, related to contracts for heating apparatus for public buildings. See sections 252 and 253 of Title 41, Public Contracts.

§§ 274 to 276. Repealed. Pub. L. 86-249, §17(13)-(15), Sept. 9, 1959, 73 Stat. 485

Section 274, act Mar. 2, 1895, ch. 189, 28 Stat. 914, authorized the payment for electric wiring of buildings.

Section 275, act July 1, 1916, ch. 209, 39 Stat. 273, related to payment for gas and electric fixtures for the equipment of public buildings.

Section 276, act June 6, 1900, ch. 791, 31 Stat. 591, authorized payment for engineering and electric-light plants in public buildings.

SAVINGS PROVISION

Sections repealed except as to their application to any project referred to in section 613 of this title, see section 17 of Pub. L. 86-249, set out as a note under section 341 of this title.

§ 276a. Rate of wages for laborers and mechanics

(a) The advertised specifications for every contract in excess of \$2,000, to which the United States or the District of Columbia is a party, for construction, alteration, and/or repair, including painting and decorating, of public buildings or public works of the United States or the District of Columbia within the geographical limits of the States of the Union or the District of Columbia, and which requires or involves the employment of mechanics and/or laborers shall contain a provision stating the minimum wages to be paid various classes of laborers and mechanics which shall be based upon the wages that will be determined by the Secretary of Labor to be prevailing for the corresponding classes of laborers and mechanics employed on projects of a character similar to the contract work in the city, town, village, or other civil subdivision of the State in which the work is to be performed, or in the District of Columbia if the work is to be performed there; and every contract based upon these specifications shall contain a stipulation that the contractor or his subcontractor shall pay all mechanics and laborers employed directly upon the site of the work, unconditionally and not less often than once a week, and without subsequent deduction or rebate on any account, the full amounts accrued at time of payment, computed at wage rates not less than those stated in the advertised specifications, regardless of any contractual relationship which may be alleged to exist between the contractor or subcontractor and such laborers and mechanics, and that the scale of wages to be paid shall be posted by the contractor in a prominent and easily accessible place at the site of the work; and the further stipulation that there may be withheld from the contractor so much of accrued payments as may be considered necessary by the contracting officer to pay to laborers and mechanics employed by the contractor or any subcontractor on the work the difference between the rates of wages required by the contract to be paid laborers and mechanics on the work and the rates of wages received by such laborers and mechanics and not refunded to the contractor, subcontractors, or their agents.

(b) As used in sections 276a to 276a-5 of this title the term “wages”, “scale of wages”, “wage rates”, “minimum wages”, and “prevailing wages” shall include—

(1) the basic hourly rate of pay; and